

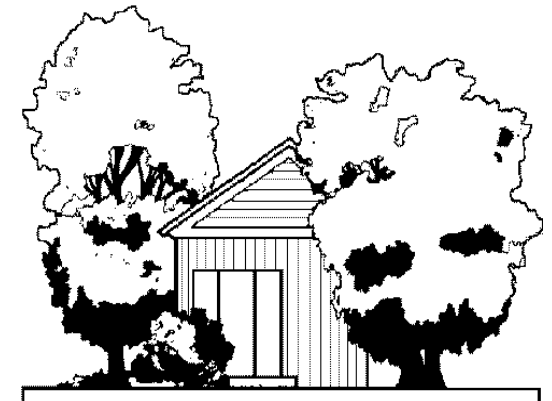
Main Topics of the CORE Training Program

1. **Background of Community Forestry and Shade Tree Commissions in New Jersey**
 - History and development of Shade Tree Commissions in New Jersey
 - New Jersey Community Forestry Programs and background
 - Technical resources available to shade tree volunteers
 - Local, State, and national organizations that are active in shade tree issues
2. **Legal Aspects**
 - The tort claims system and the *New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act*
 - State Statute governing municipal Shade Tree Commissions
 - Example ordinances for municipal Shade Tree Commissions
 - Example resolutions and regulations for county commissions or county boards
 - Right of way issues
3. **Hazardous Tree Situations**
 - Recognizing common tree defects
 - Understanding and identifying target areas
 - Recognizing tree species prone to problems
 - Knowing when to call in an expert
 - Prioritizing problem trees for maintenance work or removal
 - Recognizing tree branch or sight line problems
4. **CEU Requirements and Plan Implementation Assistance**
 - Background on Continuing Education Units (CEUs), focusing on fulfilling CEU requirements and providing a list of upcoming seminars and conferences offering CEUs
 - Overview of the Guidelines for a Community Forestry Management Plan, Submission and Approval Procedures, and the Annual Accomplishment Report requirements.

New Jersey Community Forestry Program

CORE Training

April 2, 2011



As required under the *New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act*, P.L. 1996, Chapter 135.

Co-sponsored by:
NJ Department of Environmental Protection,
Division of Parks and Forestry,
State Forest Service
and
New Jersey Community Forestry Council
and
New Jersey Tree Foundation

NJ Community Forestry Training Skills and Accreditation Program

The training program is designed to familiarize individuals with the background of community forestry and shade tree commissions, the legal aspects of managing trees, and the basic recognition of hazardous tree situations.

The **Training Skills and Accreditation Program** was established under the *New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act*, which was passed on December 5, 1996.

In addition to establishing an official Community Forestry Council, the act enables New Jersey's municipalities to reduce their exposure to litigation due to the decline and poor condition of the community tree resource. The basis for this protection is municipal or county participation in the State's **Training Skills and Accreditation Program**, and a State approved **Community Forestry Management Plan**. For more information about the management plan, contact the NJ Forest Service at todd.wyckoff@dep.state.nj.us or 609-292-2532.

Completion of this CORE Training program will satisfy one of the four requirements of municipalities and counties seeking Approved Status under the requirements of the *New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act*.

Who is CORE Training for?

- * Persons participating on local tree boards, commissions or groups designated by the mayor as the responsible party for community trees.
- * Any municipal or county representative or employee charged with the mission of providing maintenance or stewardship to community trees.

NOTE:

A minimum of two persons per municipality or county must attend CORE Training in order for the municipality or county to gain Approved Status under the *New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act*.

- * One must be a commission member, board member, or volunteer from the community
- * One must be a local government employee
- * An elected official will satisfy either role

Date/Time/Location:

**Saturday, April 2, 2011
8:30am – 3:00pm
Paramus Life and Safety Complex
1 Jockish Square
Paramus, New Jersey 07652**

All registrants will receive a confirmation letter, including directions to the course location.

Participants must attend all day. Those who leave early will not receive credit for CORE Training. No CEU credit is awarded for CORE Training

Seating is limited, so register early! Registrations must be received by Friday, March 18, 2011. No late or walk in registrations will be accepted.

Registration Form

**New Jersey Community Forestry Program
CORE Training is held Rain/Snow or Shine**

Registration Is Required

Non-Refundable Workshop Cost: \$65.00
(Includes training manual, morning coffee and lunch)

Make checks, money orders, or purchase orders payable to: **NJ Tree Foundation.**

The Participant is a:

Volunteer Municipal Employee Elected Official

Can they stay for the full day? YES NO

Name: _____

Municipality Represented _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Detach and mail with payment to:
Community Forestry Program
Attn: CORE Registration
Mail Code: 501-04
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625

***No refunds are provided to those who miss the training session. Seating is limited and registration is first come first serve. To receive CORE Training credit participants must attend all sessions. CORE Training does not receive CEU credit.**